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Hibiscus oculiroseus" that has appeared in his cultivation of this species. The new form was described in comparison with the usual robust type, and the history of its origin was given. It is the plan to present a full account of the plant in a future number of the *Bulletin* of the Club.

Adjournment followed.

B. O. DODGE,
Secretary

NEWS ITEMS

Announcements have been issued for the twentieth anniversary of the appropriation by the City of New York of 250 acres of land in Bronx Park for the use of the New York Botanical Garden. The event will be commemorated at the Garden during the week commencing September 6, 1915. Botanists from all parts of North America have been invited to attend. The part played by the Torrey Club in the early days of the initiation of the movement for the establishment of the New York Botanical Garden is well known to most of our members. On Friday, September 10, the botanists attending the anniversary are to be taken to a locality in the pine-barrens of New Jersey, under the guidance of the Club.

It is reported in *Science* that Mr. G. Massee has retired from his position as head of the cryptogamic department in the herbarium at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Professor H. A. Cummins, professor of botany and agriculture at University College, Cork, has been given a commission in the British Army.

The *Plant World* announces two prizes which are to be awarded for the best papers embodying original work in any phase of the water relations of plants. The amount of the first prize is \$50, and of the second prize \$10. The offering of these purses is made possible by the generosity of Professor B. E. Livingston and by contributions from Dr. D. T. MacDougal, Professor J. J. Thornber, Dr. J. B. Overton, Dr. H. C. Cowles and Mrs. Edith B. Shreve. Competing papers should be written

so as to give no internal evidence of authorship, and should be sent to the editor of the *Plant World*, Dr. Forrest Shreve, Tucson, Ariz., by December 1. The *Plant World* reserves the right to publish any papers submitted in the contest.

Dr. Howard Spencer Reed, now professor of plant pathology and bacteriology in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, has been appointed professor of plant physiology in the Citrus Experiment Station and Graduate School of Tropical Agriculture, recently established by the University of California at Riverside, California. Dr. F. D. Fromme, formerly of Purdue University has taken Dr. Reed's place at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Dr. H. M. Fitzpatrick, assistant professor of plant pathology at Cornell University, is spending three months at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Professor R. J. Pool has been appointed acting head of the department of botany at the University of Nebraska, to fill the place made vacant by the death of Dr. C. E. Bessey.

Dr. Alfred Dachnowski has accepted a position with the Bureau of Plant Industry, where he will continue his work on peat soils and their agricultural utilization.

Dr. M. A. Howe of the New York Botanical Garden has gone to Porto Rico to continue studies on the marine Algae of that island.

At a meeting of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of New York, held June 18, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars was appropriated for the completion of the building and greenhouses of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The appropriation was conditional on a similar sum being raised by private subscription. This amount was contributed by Mr. Alfred T. White, chairman of the Botanic Garden Committee, and two other friends of the garden who wish to remain anonymous.